

First Newsletter!
Autumn Term
October 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our very first newsletter of 2026-2027! It's a bumper edition for you with lots of helpful information and good news from September. What a brilliant start to the school year we have had! A warm welcome to all of our new children, families and staff. Here's to a happy and successful year head for us all.

The children have got off to a flying start across the school. Well done everyone! Our new nursery and reception children have settled in so beautifully and they are really enjoying all of the learning in the Orchard. I have been checking out Class Dojo posts for all of the classes and the children have already achieved so much!

Key highlights from September:

* Whole school reading 'Maybe' by Kobi Yamada (plus some of you who messaged me to say how much you had enjoyed it too!)
* Whole school celebration of National Fitness Day—we have more events planned for the rest of this year!
* A wonderful visit to Tilgate Park for Pear class; what a great opportunity to meet all of the new parents/carers
* Reception's annual Teddy Bear's picnic, enjoyed by all—especially the teddies!
* Year 1 have been super busy getting into their daily phonics routines
* Year 2 launched their new habitats topic by encouraging the children to work out which animals belong to the correct environment.
* Year 3 had a special online meeting with Mr Dilly to learn about different authors and their writing process and they are learning about the Stone Age!
* Year 4 team really enjoyed meeting parents/carers after school a couple of weeks ago. They have been busy identifying and sorting animals in science, learning about continents, maps and globes in geography .
* Year 5 are learning about the South East of England in preparation for learning how to compare our local area to Mexico; I've seen some amazing writing from the children already.
* Year 6 have learnt about Crime and Punishment through the ages with Mr Dilly and visited Junior Citizen at the Hawth, not to mention a walk around the local area to look at graffiti art.!

Reminders

* Children should not wear make up or jewellery in school. Earrings should be studs only. When your child has PE, please remove their earrings in the morning or provide tape to cover them.
* We have a no mobile phone environment; please do not use mobile phones in school or on the premises.
* Bikes and scooters should be walked on to the premises please and parked in the designated areas not on the grass.
* Please ensure your child has a named water bottle.
* Clothing must be named please; we already have a mountain of lost property!
* Please do not park on the yellow zig zags outside the upper site
* Provide your child with a healthy snack for breaktime on the upper site; choose from fruit, vegetables, cheese, yogurt

Our next newsletter will look different as we are changing the format. If there is anything in particular you would like to see in our monthly newsletter, please let me know!

Have a wonderful weekend!
Mrs Emberson,
Headteacher

Blue Team - 663	Red Team - 603	Yellow Team - 491	Green Team - 506

Safeguarding update

Here is our monthly safeguarding update—please read!

Tellmi is a safe, anonymous app where your child can talk about absolutely anything. From anxiety to autism, depression to divorce, or self-harm to self-esteem, sharing your experiences with our awesome community helps you to feel better.

Moderators check everything to keep you safe and the in-house counsellors are always on hand if you need extra support.

This app has been commissioned in West Sussex so please share with the children and young people you work with!

Find out more about the Tellmi app by clicking on the link below

https://www.tellmi.help/what-is-tellmi

ND NAVIGATION SERVICE

Reaching Families have been commissioned by NHS Sussex to pilot and develop a new support service for parent-carers of children undergoing assessment on the West Sussex Neurodevelopmental Pathway. Our new service is now available to parent-carers via referral from a professional working with their child.

Reaching Families ND Navigation Service

Capa First Response
Specialist Support for Families Experiencing Child-to-Parent Aggression

Free Drop-in Sessions - Capa First Response

Helpful tips for Pickup and Drop-off

Helping a child who is anxious when coming out of school requires a gentle, low-pressure transition to help them decompress from the day's stress.

Immediate After-School Strategies

* **Give them space:** Avoid asking too many questions right away. Let them decompress in silence or with a quiet snack before talking about their day.
* **Offer a snack and drink:** Low blood sugar can amplify big emotions and meltdowns immediately after the school bell rings.



* **Keep pick-up calm:** Meet them with a warm and steady smile so they feel safe the moment they see you.

Establishing a Decompression Routine

* **Create a quiet zone:** Set up a cosy, low-stimulation area at home with cushions, books, or sensory toys
* **Encourage physical release:** Let them run around in the garden, kick a ball, or bounce on a trampoline to burn off lingering stress hormones.



* **Delay screen time or limit heavy demands:** Postpone homework or chores until your child has fully regulated their mood

When to Seek Extra Support

Talk to teachers: Check in with the school to see if specific triggers occur during the final hours of the day



Consult a professional: If the anxiety is severe, ongoing, or impacts daily family life, consider reaching out to the NHS or exploring guidance from Young Minds.

Attendance

BEST CLASS ATTENDANCE OF THE so far...

Huge congratulations go to



Apple Class with **97.6%**

&

Poplar Class with **97.7%**



Super job!!



BEST TEAM ATTENDANCE so far...

Huge congratulations go to

Red Team with **95.7%**



Year Group Attendance so far...



Year 1	**94%**
Year 2	**93%**
Year 3	**95%**
Year 4	**97%**
Year 5	**94%**
Year 6	**95%**
Reception	**98%**
Nursery AM	**88%**
Nursery PM	**96%**



Street Art Visit - Year 6



Our Year 6 children enjoyed exploring the local area to discover some real street art!

They had the opportunity to see how artists use colour, images and creative designs to transform everyday spaces, bringing stories and ideas to life.

The visit encouraged the children to look at their surroundings in a new way, sparking curiosity, discussion and inspiration for their own creative work.

A fantastic opportunity to experience art beyond the classroom!

Mr Dilly Webinar - Year 3





Year 3 enjoyed watching a Mr Dilly webinar, where they heard from a range of authors talking about their books, sharing their inspiration and explaining how they go about writing their stories.

It was a fantastic opportunity to learn more about the writing process and discover what inspires authors to bring their ideas to life!

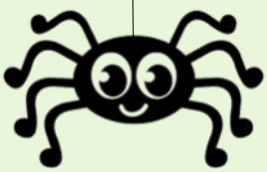
Nursery Rhyme Week - EYFS
09/11/2026 - 13/11/2026

On the Monday 9th November, we will be launching the week with a dress-up day.

Then, on Thursday 12th November and Friday 13th November, we will be holding Stay and Learn sessions linked to the nursery rhymes the children have been learning, followed by a short sing-along at the end.



The sessions will be:



- **Pear AM -** 10:00-11:30am
- **Pear PM and Reception -** 2:00-3:00pm

We look forward to seeing you all soon

Rainbow Challenge

Chestnut Class have really enjoyed taking part in their rainbow challenges and going for a lovely walk down the School Lane.

We also celebrated National Fitness Day by getting active and having fun together.

In maths, we have been exploring the composition of numbers to 10, discovering the different ways we can make each number.

Well done, Chestnut Class!











Brownings Farm

Every year, our children look forward to their exciting visits to Brownings Farm in Billingshurst.

Over three days, each class visits in small groups, giving them the opportunity to explore the farm, discover its wonderful wildlife and learn more about the natural world around them.

During their visit, the children take part in a variety of hands-on activities, including **pond dipping and species identification**, where they discover the fascinating creatures that live in and around the ponds.

The children also enjoy a guided farm walk, exploring the different areas of the farm and learning about the variety of habitats found there. These include the woodlands, fields, orchard and ponds. Along the way, they have the opportunity to search for and identify badger sets, as well as discover other animal habitats and signs of wildlife.

There is always so much to see, explore and learn, with plenty of exciting discoveries along the way! These visits provide a wonderful opportunity for the children to develop their understanding of the natural environment, build their observation skills and enjoy learning outdoors.

A huge thank you to everyone at Brownings Farm for providing such a fantastic experience for the children each year!















Sport at Three Bridges Primary School

During the 2025–26 academic year, Three Bridges Primary School entered 75% of the competitions and festivals organised by the Crawley School Games Organiser (SGO). This placed us **second out of 25 qualifying Crawley primary schools**. We have now finished in the top two for four years in a row, including three years in first place.

As always, we aimed to enter every event. Staff absences, school trips and our increasing success in qualifying for county and regional finals meant we were unable to attend them all. Our success at county level highlights the continued development of sport at Three Bridges.

Every Year 6 child was invited to take part in a festival or competition, with most attending. School staff also helped nearly 200 children attend festivals, competitions and county finals throughout the year.

Our aims for 2026–27

We aim to continue developing as a Platinum School Games Primary School and taking part in local festivals and competitions. We will once again invite all Year 6 pupils, as well as as many children as possible from Years 3, 4 and 5.

We are committed to providing equal opportunities for all pupils and have pledged to enter every SEND event in 2026–27, taking as many children as possible.

Swimming

In 2025–26, 62 of the 86 Year 6 pupils could swim the required distance by the end of the year. This represents **72% of the year group**.

Primary school sports competitions and festivals results for 2025-2026 academic year

Schools	Number entered	% entered
The Oaks	62	81
Three Bridges	58	75
Our Lady	49	64
Northgate	43	56
Maidenbower	42	55
Seymour	42	55
Desmond A	40	52
Gossops G	38	49
St Andrews	37	48
Hilltop	32	42
St Margarets	32	42
Milton Mount	30	39
Waterfield	27	35

Schools	Number entered	% entered
Gatwick	26	34
The Mill	25	32
Atelier 21	23	30
St Francis	22	29
Pound Hill	22	29
Southgate	20	26
Bewbush	19	25
Forgewood	16	21
Broadfield	11	14
Kilnwood Vale	6	7.8
Langley Green	4	5.2
West Green	0	0

Sport at Three Bridges Primary School

We have had a busy and exciting start to the new school year, with children proudly representing Three Bridges Primary School in a range of sporting events.

Our children have taken part in lacrosse, T1 rugby and girls' and boys' football. It has been wonderful to see so many children getting involved, showing great teamwork and enthusiasm, and demonstrating our school values.

Well done to everyone who has taken part so far!





School Uniform





HARVEST FESTIVAL
5th October 2026

Please could children bring in donations of
non- perishable items of food, such as, cereal, tinned meat, rice, pasta, soup, baked beans, tinned fruit, toiletries, long life milk etc.

Thank you!

We will be donating all items to
Free Shop Crawley
Bewbush Centre, Dorsten Square, Crawley RH11 8XW

FreeShop Crawley – Offering Pathways Out Of Financial Hardship



Young Minds

Wear Yellow

9th October 2026



We will be taking part in #HelloYellow for World Mental Health Day again this year, which is being held on Friday 9th October 2026 .

The number of young people in need of mental health support is growing faster than ever. Most young people aren't getting the help they need, and this can't go on.

We'll be joining thousands of other schools by wearing yellow to show young people that how they feel matters, as well as raising money for Young Minds. To take part, children can wear yellow to school on Friday the 9th October and we ask parents and carers to consider making a donation to YoungMinds.

Here is our Just Giving page where you can make a donation of your choice:

https://fundraise.youngminds.org.uk/fundraisers/lisaking/hello-yellow

Apply online at:
westsussex.gov.uk/admissions

west sussex county council

Was your child born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023?

If so they are eligible to start school in September 2027

Apply online!

It's simple, convenient and time-saving.
If your application is received after the deadline, your chance of securing a place at one of your preference schools could be seriously affected.

You can apply online from **Monday 5 October 2026**.
If you would like further advice or information, phone: **03330 142 903**.

Deadline: **Friday 15 January 2027**

Free internet access to apply online is available at all West Sussex libraries.



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Three Bridges Primary School

Reception Open Day

If your child was born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023, they will be starting reception in primary school from **September 2027**.

You can start applying for a school place from Monday 5th October 2026 when the applications open. The application process closes on 15th January 2027.

Come and visit our school for a tour and presentation. We are offering the following dates and times.

DATE:	**TIME:**
5th November 2026	from 1.30 pm - 2.30 pm
18th November 2026	from 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm
7th January 2027	from 9.30 am - 10.30 am

To book an appointment, please contact the school office on 01293 524076 option 2 or email office@tbps.org.uk

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Apply online at:
westsussex.gov.uk/admissions

west sussex county council

Is your child due to transfer to secondary school in September 2027?

Apply online!

It's simple, convenient and time-saving.
If your application is received after the deadline, your chance of securing a place at one of your preference schools could be seriously affected.

You can apply online from **Monday 7 September 2026.**
If you would like further advice or information, phone: **03330 142 903.**

Deadline: **Saturday 31 October 2026**

Free internet access to apply online is available at all West Sussex libraries.



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Dates for your diary—Autumn term 2026

October 2026

5.10.26	Harvest Festival
2.10.26	National Poetry Day & Space Week begins
6.10.26	Year 3 Roundhouse workshop
9.10.26	Hello Yellow! Mental Health day—wear something yellow
12.10.26	Termly Learning Conferences – KS1
14.10.26	6 weeks in meeting @ 2pm for new Reception parents
16.10.26	Developmental Language Disorder day—wear something purple
19.10.26	Termly Learning Conferences – Year 3, 4 and 5. PGL week - Year 6
20.10.26	Diwali

Half Term—26/10/2026 - 30/10/2026

November 2026

2.11.26	Termly Learning Conferences—Year 6
	Flu Spray 9am - Upper site, after 12pm - Lower site
5.11.26	Open morning for new parents
5.11.26	Guy Fawkes
11.11.26	Remembrance Day
13.11.26	Children in Need—wear spots. Anti-Bullying week
	National Recycling week. Geography Awareness week
17.11.26	Open morning for new parents
18.11.26	Individual Photographs
19.11.26	Sibling Photographs
23.11.26	Stay & Learn – EYFS. Computer Science week

December 2026

2.12.27	Silver Birch Nativity @ 2pm
3.12.27	Juniper Nativity @ 9.15am and 2pm
4.12.27	Chestnut Nativity @ 9.15am and 2pm
7.12.26	Year 2 Nativity @ 9.30am. Apple Christmas performance @ 2pm
8.12.26	Year 2 Nativity @ 9.30am. Cherry Christmas performance @ 2pm
9.12.26	Pear Christmas performance—11am and 2pm
10.12.26	Christmas jumper Day
11.12.26	Staff Panto!
13.12.26	TBPS has got talent!
15.12.26	Christmas lunch and party afternoon
17.12.26	KS2 Christmas Singalong—Y3/4 @ 1.30pm & Y5/6 @ 2.30pm
18.12.26	**INSET day—school closed for children**

Back to school on Monday 4th January...see the next page for more dates!

Dates for your diary—Spring and Summer 2027

In a recent survey, parents/carers asked for dates in advance so here are the key dates for the rest of the year. These will be updated monthly and added to the Class Dojo calendar, for your information.

	January 2027
4.1.27	Back to school!
7.1.27	Open morning for new parents
22.1.27	Stay & Learn*
	February 2027
1.2.27—5.2.27	KS1 Termly Learning conferences
8.2.27—12.2.27	KS2 Termly Learning conferences
9.2.27	Silver Coin Challenge
	15.2.27—19.2.27 Half Term
26.2.27	Stay & Learn*
	March 2027
1.3.27—5.3.27	EYFS Termly Learning conferences
4.3.27	World Book Day
5.3.27	Mothers' Day shop
9.2.27	Let's Dance at the Hawth
22.3.27	Downs Syndrome Awareness Day—Lots of socks!
25.3.27	TBPS has got talent!
	26.3.27—13.4.27 Easter Holidays
	April 2027
23.4.27	Stay & Learn*
	May 2027
3.5.27	Bank Holiday—school closed
9.5.27—13.5.27	Year 6 test week
28.5.27	Stay & Learn*
	31.5.27—4.6.27 Half Term
	June 2027
7.6.27—18.6.27	Year 4 Multiplication check
14.1.27—25.6.27	Year 1 Phonics screening check
18.6.27	Fathers' Day shop
24.6.27	Sports Morning lower site
25.6.27	Sports Morning upper site
	July 2027
1.7.27	Reserve Sports morning
2.7.27	Reserve Sports morning
9.7.27	Stay & Learn. Summer Fair
12.7.27	End of Year Reports. Year 6 leavers' party
14.7.27	Year 6 performance to parents/carers @ 9.15am and 4.30pm
15.7.27	TBPS has got Talent!
16.7.27	Year 6 Leavers' assembly. Family picnic @ 12:45. End of school year.

19.7.27-21.7.27 INSET days—school closed to children

Stay and Learn—subject themes to be confirmed*

Brownings Farm

Year 5	Sycamore Class	4th March	15th March	22nd March
Year 5	Cedar Class	8th March	17th March	24th March
Year 5	Cypress Class	10th March	18th March	25th March

Year 1	Silver Birch	12th April	21st April	
Year 1	Chestnut	14th April	22nd April	
Year 1	Juniper	15th April	26th April	

Year R	Apple	28th April	5th May	10th May
Year R	Cherry	29th April	6th May	12th May

Year 6	Ash	17th May	26th May	9th June
Year 6	Larch	19th May	27th May	10th June
Year 6	Yew	24th May	7th June	14th June





Year 6 - Swimming Dates 2026-2027

Swimming Lessons - every Thursday

Ash - Autumn Term
Larch - Spring Term
Yew - Summer Term

Parents/carers will receive a letter in advance, explaining arrangements and confirming dates